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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: IB Docket No. 11-109; Petition for Declaratory Ruling

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments in regards to LightSquared's proposed wireless broadband network and its request for explicit clarity on usage rights of its licensed spectrum. I am currently a student teacher pursuing my master's degree in education in Arkansas. I grew up in Indiana, but moved to Arkansas three years ago to participate in the school-based AmeriCorps program, City Year. Over the past few years, I have really grown to recognize the need for increased access to broadband connectivity and the educational opportunities that are missed in areas without that access. Arkansas ranks as one of the states with the lowest broadband access. I have seen this time and time again in several classrooms I have worked in across the state.

Through my studies, I have had the opportunity to research various issues concerning the current state of the educational system, both throughout the country and Arkansas. Many parts of our country do not have access to mobile broadband, and those that do have access need more bandwidth. LightSquared's proposed network would help our country resolve both problems by expanding access to rural areas and enabling any wireless provider to retail nationwide L-band spectrum for wireless broadband purposes. The expansion will greatly benefit teachers and their students across Arkansas by helping to better equip classrooms. Another important aspect of expanding broadband access would be the ability of teachers and students to better communicate during an emergency. Currently, in the school where I work, my cell phone coverage is spotty and does not always connect. This lack of coverage worries me for potential emergencies, ranging from school violence to severe weather.

However, the multi-faceted benefits LightSquared's network would provide have been put aside based on the interference concerns raised by GPS device makers and GPS device users. As LightSquared makes clear in its Petition, GPS manufacturers sell devices that use LightSquared's spectrum without license or authorization. Taking someone else's homework or property and claiming it as your own is unacceptable in my classroom. I do not allow students to take what they have not rightfully done, paid for, or earned themselves, because it is not only against

